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Applicant: Yo YAMATO Conf.: 2167
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction that was mailed on June 22, 2001, Applicant elects the invention of Group I. This election is made with traverse, on the ground that it would not be unduly burdensome for the Examiner to examine the invention of Group II along with that of Group I.

In response to the requirement for election of species within Group I, Applicant elects as the fuel guanidine nitrate, as the oxidizer ammonium perchlorate, and as the chlorine neutralizer sodium carbonate. Claim 1-8 read on the elected species.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mr. Richard J. Gallagher (Reg. No. 28,781),

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telephone number (703) 205-8008, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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